

NEWS OF THE LODGES.

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS AMONG THE SECRET FRATERNITIES.

Exchanging Christmas Greetings—Portrait and Sketch of Brother Trimble—What the Odd Fellows are Doing—Golden Cross and I. O. M. Notes.

The following Masonic bodies meet upon the evenings of the ensuing week:

Subordinate Lodges.—Masonic Temple—Dawson No. 16, Monday, 28th; Lebanon No. 7, Friday, January 1.

A. A. S. R. Sanctuary, 1007 G street—Arminius No. 25, Monday, 28th.

Masonic Hall, Brightwood—Stansbury No. 24, Monday, 28th.

Masonic Hall, Nineteenth street and Pennsylvania avenue—Hiram No. 10, Friday, January 1.

Royal Arch Chapters.—Masonic Temple—Mount Vernon No. 3, Monday, 28th.

Commanderies Knights Templar.—Masonic Temple—Columbia No. 1, Friday, January 1.

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday being the fifth occurrence of these days in December the following bodies will not hold regular meetings: National Lodge No. 12, La Fayette Chapter No. 5, Mithras Lodge of Perfection, Columbia Lodge No. 3, Columbia Chapter No. 1, Potomac Commandery No. 3, Washington Centennial Lodge No. 14, Ostris Lodge No. 26, La Fayette Lodge No. 19, and Mount Horeb Chapter No. 7. Only seven regular meetings will be held and it will therefore be the quietest week since last July.

The election in Columbia Commandery resulted as follows: E. B. Hay, Eminent Commander; S. H. Merrill, Generalissimo; A. J. Terry, Captain General; J. C. Allen, Prelate; F. H. Thomas, Senior Warden; R. E. Constant, Junior Warden; A. T. Longley, Treasurer; William Pitts, Recorder; Robert Ball, Trustee, three years. As the next convocation falls on January 1, 1892, the Commandery has decided to dispense with it, and the installation will occur on the 15th instant. The drill corps will commence regular drills on Wednesday evening, January 6, at Reh's Bicycle Hall, Ninth street, between Massachusetts avenue and L street, and will continue them every Wednesday evening until the commandery goes to Denver. All Sir Knights are invited to these drills.

The statutory triennial meeting of Albert Pike Consistory will be held at the Cathedral of the Rite, No. 1007 G street northwest, this evening, the 27th instant, at 7 o'clock, for the election of officers for the ensuing three years and the transaction of such other business as may be presented.

Through an error in last Sunday's issue the election in one of the lodges was merged into the remains of a Shrine notice and the treasurer was made to travel throughout in a special train of Pullman cars. About ten days will be consumed in the trip, including a day each in Atlanta, Ga.; Jacksonville, Fla.; and three days and a half in the ancient city of St. Augustine. Stops will also be made at the principal cities of the South, the Nobles of which have already forwarded assurances of a royal Southern welcome. It is understood that several prominent Shriners of this city will be in the party which will arrive here on Saturday, January 16.

Mount Vernon Chapter No. 3 will devote the convocation of Monday evening to the reception of petitions.

The time-honored custom of assembling on Christmas Day to exchange fraternal greetings with the Grand Master of Knights Templar of the United States was observed at 12 m. on that day at the Oxford, by Eminent Commander J. K. Robinson and the officers and past commanders of Columbia Commandery No. 2. The sentiment:

A merry Christmas to our Grand Master. With loyal greetings to each broad State From Quoddy Head to the Golden Gate. The Grand Master at Lebanon, Pa., sent the following response: "May Christmas Day, enclosing our limited world like a magic ring, find in each Templar's heart the full measure of kindness and love. May all evil be excluded and the God of peace and happiness reign everywhere and bless every home."

Tuesday evening Lebanon Lodge No. 7 will confer the 1st and 2d degrees at a special communication.

After the holidays the different bodies will settle down in earnest to the work of the coming year, which even at this early date bids fair to be very prosperous and successful.

At the last meeting of Almas Temple forty-eight candidates made the weary pilgrimage of the desert. Every Templar who is going to Denver will take the Shrine degree as a preparatory step and the chapeau and fez combined will insure them a glorious welcome throughout the West.

Personals.—At the last convocation of Mount Horeb Chapter No. 7 Past High Priest Robert E. Fugitt was presented by Past High Priest M. R. Thorpe on behalf of the chapter with a Past High Priest's Jewel. Past High Priest T. W. Criddle, of Mount Vernon Chapter No. 3, was remembered in the same manner. Brother Louis Goldschmidt, of Arminius Lodge No. 25, was complimented with a re-election, making his third term as Worshipful Master. Brother Herman Gerdes, the efficient Secretary was also re-elected. Brother O. S. Firmin, of Harmony Lodge No. 17, begins with this year his eighth term as Treasurer of that lodge. Among the best informed Junior Wardens of the jurisdiction is Brother A. W. Johnson, who is thoroughly proficient in the several degrees. At the communication of the Grand Lodge last evening there were many new faces among the representatives and proxies. Brother William R. Singleton expects to have the Masonic calendar ready for distribution shortly. On account of the holiday season Brothers Byers and Mix have declared the After-Lunch Club adjourned without day. Brother A. C. McNulty has recovered from his recent illness. The Eagles are greatly indebted to Brother George Budd for the elegant manner in which he served their recent banquet to the Orioles. The tables were decorated in the colors of our sister city and the menu was delicious and tempting. Brother L. D. Carman is acquiring quite a reputation as an

after dinner talker. Brother S. J. Thompson, the recently elected Worshipful Master of New Jerusalem Lodge No. 9 is one of the most popular and best known Masons of the city. Brother W. A. Craig was accorded a deserved re-election as Secretary of Hope Lodge No. 30. Stansbury Lodge No. 24 demonstrated that they are proud of their efficient Secretary, W. G. Nalley, by complimenting him with a re-election. Jesse F. Grant will make one of the most popular Senior Wardens that has ever filled that chair in Dawson Lodge No. 16. Brother S. Hart, of St. John's Lodge No. 11, is a prominent young Mason with many friends in the order. Brother William Gettinger received the only appointment vacant in the line of Harmony Lodge No. 17. He is very popular with the members and will make a good officer.

MASONS OF NOTE—XI.

Mr. James H. Trimble, Superintendent of the Scottish Rite Sanctuary.

Brother James H. Trimble was born in Allegheny City, Pa., where his early days were spent. At the breaking out of the war he came to this city and secured a position in the Quartermaster's Department where he was placed in charge of an important branch of that bureau, winning by his faithful and prompt performance of the duties imposed



upon him, the respect and confidence of his superior officers. He afterward engaged in business for himself, but on being offered the position of Superintendent of the Scottish Rite Sanctuary by the Board of Trustees, he closed up his business affairs and for the past three years has had charge of that building, his time being fully occupied in arranging for the different meetings which are held there every evening, and managing the business details of the large tenancy for the Board of Trustees. By his pleasant demeanor and obliging disposition, he has added greatly to the popularity of this pleasant Masonic home. Brother Trimble has taken every Masonic degree obtainable, holding membership in Dawson Lodge No. 16, Eureka Chapter No. 4, Columbia Commandery No. 2, Washington Council Royal and Select Masters, Almas Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Mithras Lodge of Perfection, Evangelist Chapter Rose Croix, Robert de Bruce Council of Kadosh, and Albert Pike Consistory, A. A. S. R. He is a Past Master of Eureka Chapter No. 4, Past Right Priest of Eureka Chapter No. 4, and for the past two years has been Grand Visitor and Lecturer of the Grand Chapter, resigning the office at the last election.

Independent Order Odd Fellows.

Visitors at Harmony Lodge No. 9 always receive a kindly welcome from its genial Grand Secretary, Wm. P. Allan, who has for many years faithfully served the lodge. This lodge has in its membership many wide-awake Odd Fellows, and applications for membership are received at almost every meeting. The lodge meets in its own hall, on Eighth street southeast, every Monday evening.

Union Lodge No. 11 welcomed a delegation of visitors from Laurel, Md., Monday evening. Its beautiful hall, Pennsylvania avenue, southeast, set off with all the scenic appointments of the Degree of Brotherly Love, presented a charming appearance. Among the visitors were two victims upon whom Patuxent Lodge No. 45, of Laurel, requested that the Second degree be conferred. Four candidates received that degree, and at its close a recess was declared and all present were formally introduced to the visitors, a very enjoyable time being had. Past Grand J. B. Ward, of Central No. 1, of this jurisdiction, but now sojourning at Laurel, accompanied the visitors, and addressed the lodge in a very complimentary manner. Among those present and making remarks were Past Grand Thomas M. Young, of Patuxent Lodge; Past Grand John D. Darnelle, of Springfield Lodge No. 465, of Springfield, Ill.; Bro. Benjamin P. Loder, of Cumberland Lodge No. 35, of Bridgeton, N. J.; and Bro. C. M. McClay, of Liberty Lodge No. 91, of West Liberty, Ohio. The visitors from Laurel were so highly pleased with the degree work of Union Lodge that they promised to be on hand at the next meeting, requesting that the Degree of Truth be conferred upon three of their candidates.

Columbia Lodge No. 10 was called upon last Monday to pay its last tribute of respect to the late P. G. George Emerick, one of the oldest members of the lodge. P. G. Emerick joined Columbia Lodge December 2, 1847, and was made Noble Grand of the lodge in 1852. He was for many years employed in the Postoffice, but retired a few years ago on account of old age. He died Friday, the 18th instant. His funeral was attended by the officers of Columbia Lodge No. 10, the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, and by a large circle of friends. The interment was at Congressional Cemetery.

Among the visitors to Magenau Encampment No. 4 on last Wednesday evening were Grand Representative R. A. McLean, Grand Scribe Joseph Burroughs, and Past Grand Patriarch E. C. Grumley. The encampment conferred the Golden Rule degree upon one and the Royal Purple degree upon two candidates, the work being performed in its usual excellent and impressive manner. At the election of officers for the ensuing term, which followed, the following patriarchs received the unanimous vote of their associates: Chief Patriarch, R. H. Lewis; High Priest, David L. Hazard (re-elected); Senior Warden, Jerome B. Stahl; Junior Warden, Thomas W. Scott; Scribe, William P. Allan (re-elected); Treasurer, John E. Herrell (re-elected). Under "the good of the order," while the members were partaking of the refreshments prepared by the "Herdsmen," P. G. P. E. C. Grumley gave a glowing account of his recent visit to Northern Vermont and New York

State, describing in a very interesting manner the different places visited and his reception by the various lodges. In the course of his remarks he described the whole process of making paper, as witnessed in his visit to the New England paper mills.

I. O. O. F. Notes.—"Fred Stuart" Encampment had degree work at its last meeting. Mechanics' Lodge will hold a public installation on Friday, January 8, 1892. Brother Thomas P. Southwick, one of the most popular members of the "Bundle of Sticks" of Union Lodge, has been ill for some time. The Brother is sadly missed from the lodge and Bundle, and has the best wishes of his many friends for a speedy recovery. Acting Grand Sire C. T. Campbell has decided that a non-beneficial member can both vote and hold office in a subordinate lodge. Past Grand E. B. Kellogg has gone to Connecticut upon business. Past Grand J. J. Burham, of Central Lodge No. 1, has been sick for over a week, but is now somewhat improved. Harmony Lodge No. 9 conferred the Initiatory degree Monday evening, and will confer the degree of Friendship to-morrow night. Federal City Lodge No. 20 meets Wednesday of this week instead of on its regular meeting night, which would have been Christmas eve. Golden Rule Lodge will confer the Initiatory degree next Tuesday evening. Members of sister lodges are cordially invited. Naomi Lodge No. 1 held an interesting meeting Monday evening. The Degree of Rebekah was conferred upon several candidates, and the lodge afterward elected officers for the ensuing term. Canton Potomac will again be before the public on New Year's eve, on which date it gives a first-class musical and literary entertainment and host at Odd Fellows' Hall, Eighth street southeast.

Golden Cross Notes.

A new commandery was partially instituted on Tuesday evening at Golden Cross Hall, southeast, by Grand Commander Ehle. The new commandery numbers forty, and starts out more fully conversant with the ritualistic work than any of its predecessors. The three degrees were exemplified by experienced officers of different commanderies. The 1st degree was conferred by J. H. A. Fowler as N. C.; Miss Marguerite McCutchen as V. N. C.; E. Q. Gunson as W. P.; Mrs. Lillie A. Edelin as W. H.; P. H. Branson as P. N. C., and Mrs. Louisa T. Watrous as W. I. G.; the 2d degree by Frank E. Newton as N. C.; Mrs. Mary E. Peabody as V. N. C.; Francis I. Willis as W. P.; C. G. Harrison as W. H.; J. H. Graham as W. I. G.; and the 3d degree by Miss Adelaide Payne as N. C.; Mrs. Mary R. Stetson as V. N. C.; T. F. Swayze as W. P.; Charles R. Newman as W. H.; John R. Steir as P. N. C., and Mary I. Simonds as W. I. G. Another meeting will be held Tuesday evening, when the name of the organization will be selected and officers elected. The charter list will remain open until that time. A pleasing feature of the new commandery is the large number of female members. When this commandery completes its organization, the number of members in this jurisdiction will exceed 1,000.

Mount Vernon Commandery has elected the following officers: Noble Commander, Dr. Harlow R. Street; Vice Noble Commander, Miss Clara E. Lewis; Worthy Prelate, Henry G. Isel; Noble Keeper of Records, M. L. Venable; Financial Keeper of Records, David Cramer; Treasurer, Kenneth S. Murchison; Worthy Herald, C. G. Harrison; Warder Inner Gate, Miss Sarah A. Keating; Warder Outer Gate, Henry G. Bercling; Past Noble Commander, J. H. A. Fowler; Trustees, David Cramer, Kenneth S. Murchison, and J. H. A. Fowler; Representative to the Grand Commandery, Fred A. Stier; Alternate, Miss Emma V. Dulin; Auditing Committee, John R. Stier, C. G. Harrison, and Dr. H. R. Street. St. John's Commandery has elected the following officers: Noble Commander, Clarence R. Newman; Vice Noble Commander, Miss Jennie C. Bean; Worthy Prelate, Samuel Mahoney; Noble Keeper of Records, William E. Graham; Financial Keeper of Records, John A. Van Doren; Treasurer, Mrs. Emma McKim; Worthy Herald, Josiah S. Moffatt; Past Noble Commander, E. R. Barbour; Trustees, John N. Ehle, Dr. S. A. H. McKim, and Samuel Mahoney. The Immediate Association of the United Order of the Golden Cross has elected the following officers: Secretary, Joseph Burroughs; Board of Directors, Goodwill Commandery, Edward Stier, and Miss Adelaide Payne; St. John's, John N. Ehle and Mrs. Margaret McCutcheon; Halcyon, Charles N. Cornell and George J. P. Wood; Meridian, Henry H. Hough and Fred E. Woodward; Capital, Dr. Richard Kingsman and Mrs. Martha J. Peabody; Columbia, Mrs. Jessie M. Blair and James A. Dickinson; Coacostia, Thomas J. Putnam and James H. Dony; National, Richard H. Yates and W. H. Hisey; Fred E. Woodward, chairman, Board of Trustees, Columbia Commandery Tuesday last elected the following officers: Noble Commander, E. Q. Gunson; Vice Noble Commander, Mrs. Nettie A. Cole; Worthy Prelate, James H. Jennings; Noble Keeper of Records, Charles B. Sayer; Financial Keeper of Records, R. E. Harvey; Treasurer, Mrs. Hattie P. Dickinson; Worthy Herald, Frank H. Cole; Warder Inner Gate, John W. Carroll; Warder Outer Gate, Dr. D. Olin Leech; Past Noble Commander, Dr. James A. Dickinson; Representative to the Grand Commandery, G. F. W. Strieby; Alternate, Dr. D. Olin Leech; Trustees, M. M. Rowzer, Dr. D. Olin Leech and Wm. J. Holtman; auditing committee, G. F. W. Strieby, James H. Jennings, and W. J. Holtman. Goodwill Commandery and National Commandery will elect officers for the ensuing term, tomorrow evening. The officers-elect of St. John's Commandery will be installed on Saturday evening by Deputy Grand Commander S. A. H. McKim. Meridian Commandery and Mount Vernon Commandery will hold special meetings Wednesday evening for the initiation of candidates. These commanderies are the principal competitors for the prize for the largest increase in membership, Meridian having gained eighteen and Mount Vernon fifteen during the present term.

Independent Order Mechanics. Lafayette Lodge No. 13 held its regular session Thursday night. The election and installation of officers will take place on Thursday night, January 7, 1892. Past Grand Architect Thomas H. Watson will install the officers-elect. The following will be the order of installations: January 4, Anchor Lodge No. 9; January 5, Columbia No. 1, and Good Will Lodge No. 14; January 7, Friendship Lodge No. 7, and Lafayette Lodge No. 13; January 8, Capitol Lodge No. 11.

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FRIGHTENED TO DEATH.

Weird Tale of a Night of Horror on a Whaler in Southern Seas.

San Francisco Call. "I never regretted anything in my life more than I did being the innocent cause of a man's committing suicide," said Daniel Dexter, superintendent of the wharf at the ferry, to an item manufacturer. "I was mate of the old whaling bark California way back in 1863, and we were off Desolation Island in the Indian Ocean."

"Storms were frequent in that part of the world, and when one gets a whale, one has to get him on board very quick or it will be lost. One day a whale was sighted, and three boats were lowered for the chase. My boat made the best time and reached the big fish first, but just as I was about to give him the harpoon, he gave his tail a swish and knocked the boat all to pieces."

"I was knocked senseless and had my right arm broken just below the elbow, and would certainly have been drowned had not one of the men dragged me on top of the boat, and, assisted by the rest, I was held above water until we were picked up by another boat."

"When the ship was reached the captain pronounced me a dead man, and I was laid out on the cabin floor. In the meantime a storm sprang up and all hands set to work to reduce sail and no one was left in the cabin but the negro steward. He paid very little attention to me, having his dishes to look out for, and when he had secured them he went on deck to assist in shortening sail. While they were doing this I came to my senses and managed to crawl out on deck."

"By that time it was dark and a heavy gale, accompanied with thunder and lightning, was raging. I staggered to the main life-rail, and while standing there the steward came aft. Just then a loud peal of thunder was heard and the sky was lighted up by a brilliant flash of lightning."

"The poor steward saw me standing by the mainmast, and, as the captain said I was dead and he had left me stretched out on the cabin floor, he at once concluded he had seen a ghost. With a yell that was enough to scare the hair off a dog, he rushed blindly forward and did not stop until he reached the top gallant forecastle, and before any one could realize what he was about to do the crazed negro leaped into the sea. Several ropes were thrown, but he was never seen again. No boat could live in the sea then running, and none was lowered. As soon as the captain saw me he took me into the cabin and set my arm as well as he could, and in a few weeks I was able to work again. Yes, sir, the cook took me for a veritable ghost, and was scared so badly that he jumped overboard."

MEXICO'S "EMPEROR."

Feeling of the Masses Toward President Diaz.

San Francisco Call. One of the arrivals on the San Juan a few days ago was P. H. Gilbert, a commission merchant of Acapulco, who is staying at the New Western Hotel.

"There is much discontent among the masses in Mexico," said Mr. Gilbert last night, "and I should not be surprised if there was another revolution within a year. President Diaz, by the aid of the soldiery, keeps the people subservient. They submit to his authority solely through fear."

"He has been President two terms, and would like to be re-elected at the next election, but the people don't want him. The feeling of dissatisfaction is kept in check and prevented from assuming formidable proportions because it is known that Diaz could easily suppress any movement bordering upon rebellion."

"The President is a man of prompt and decisive action. A few weeks ago he detailed General Roja with a detachment of soldiers to capture a bandit named Garza, who had long been the terror of the border residents. Information was brought to the ears of the President privately that Roja was unfriendly to the Government and the General was promptly recalled. The next day he was shot—a rapid retribution."

"In the State of Guerrero, Diaz is almost invariably alluded to as 'Emperor' showing the popular estimate of his autocracy. He has no lack of firmness, especially in his treatment of his enemies, and in some respects he is the best President Mexico has ever had. He is harsh and cruel though, and is a practical exponent of the views of those who believe that the Mexican character is unsuited to a government maintained in accordance with republican principles."

The Newest Industry.

Detroit News. "Please, mem, I'm a poor little boy tryin' to help me mudder. Won't you give me yer old noosepapers?" This is the plaintive appeal that many have frequently listened to of late. The little fellow who thus seeks to help his "mudder" is not over 7 years old. He has a bright, interesting face, which is always clean, and his clothes, though well patched, are neat. He is loth to accept gifts of money, but he solicits old newspapers on the theory that after they are a few days old they are useless to their owners and are bound to find their way into the fire. He sells them to tailors and small shopkeepers for twenty cents per hundred, and he makes from forty cents to \$1 each week that way. He has worked up what he calls a "cumfiable route," and he makes his rounds twice a week with a very cheerful, though business-like air.

Smoking Actresses.

Evening World. In theatrical circles nearly all the ladies have their favorite brand of cigarette. Mme. Bernhardt smokes like a chimney; Mme. Modjeska does not relish a dinner without a glass of sweet wine and a package of cigarettes. Rose Coghlan learns her part with a Turkish cigarette between her lips. Clara Morris thinks and rests as she blows the rings of smoke above her couch, and Marie Wainright would rather do without bread than Turkish tobacco.

White the Thing for the Boy Babies.

Boston Courier. A well-informed mother never allows a color to be put on her boy baby. It is an unwritten law in the nursery of swiftness to proclaim the sex in the outfit. White and pink, or baby blue for the Ruths of creation, but pure, plain white for the John Jacob Astors every time.

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